

# INDIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



SPEAKER B. PATRICK BAUER  
South Bend, Indiana

May 22, 2007

The Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels  
Governor of Indiana  
200 West Washington St. Rm. 206  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Governor Daniels:

Once again, gas prices in Indiana have gone over \$3 per gallon.

Once again, the state's treasury is gaining from the pain faced by families in Indiana, thanks to the windfall from the sales tax that is being added on top of the exorbitant prices charged to motorists in our state.

Thanks to the greed of the oil companies, Indiana is making tens of millions of dollars.

We should not be an accomplice to this gouging. I am strongly recommending that you take immediate action to suspend the state's sales tax on gasoline. Forty-three states have decided that charging a sales tax on gasoline is not good public policy, and I urge you to follow suit.

At this point in time, our state's general fund does not need to be unjustly enriched on the backs of Hoosiers who rely on their vehicles for so much. We should not be adding 15 cents, 18 cents or more to a gallon of gas right now.

By taking such a step, we can help people afford to get to work and encourage more families to stay in Indiana this summer and enjoy their vacations here. It will be going a long way toward making Indiana a more family-friendly state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

B. Patrick Bauer  
Speaker of the House

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